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Title: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CELLS WHICH EXPRESS BONE
MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Advisory Action filed October 8, 2008, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the Notice of Appeal filed September 2, 2008 in connection with the above-identified Application. An Appeal Brief was due November 2, 2008. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due March 2, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: